Media Advisory

WHAT: Governor's Emergency Preparedness Summit

2006 Theme: "What if..."

WHEN: May 22-25, 2006

WHERE: Holiday Inn Grand

5500 Midland Road Billings, MT 59101 MapQuest Link:

The Media Center is located in the <u>Aspen Room</u>. Media packets and media escorts will be available.

Purpose: Providing an opportunity to bring together a fascinating and diverse group of individuals who dedicate their time and careers to preparing for disasters and making Montana a safer place to live, work, and visit.

Speaker Timeline & Availability Schedule

May 23

Dr. Kenneth P. Moritsugu, Deputy Surgeon General, Health and Human Services Speaking 0830 to noon. Available for interviews 1330.

Governor Brian Schweitzer

Speaking 1200 to 1330. Available for interviews 1330.

Brit Weber, Michigan State University – private industry representative Speaking 1330 to1500. Available for interviews 1530.

May 24

James Lee Witt, (former FEMA Director) President, James Lee Witt & Associates Speaking 0800 – 0845. Available for interviews 1030.

Bill Brown, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Office of Response, Operations Bureau Chief Panel 0845 – 1015. Available for interviews 1030

Col Tom Kirkpatrick, General Counsel

Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Panel 0845 – 1015. Available for interviews 1030

Les Denny, Diversity Development Specialist, U.S. Postal Service Speaking 1130 – 1200. Available for interviews 1330

George Foresman, Preparedness Undersecretary, Department of Homeland Security Speaking 1200 – 1315. Available for interviews 1330.

Brian Hamilton, Emergency Management Alberta Panel 1315 – 1415. Available for interviews 1430.

May 25

Dr. Paul Williams, DVM, Special Assistant, Georgia Office of Emergency Management Speaking 1030 – 1120. Available for interviews 1145.

Speakers and panel members not listed here may be available upon request. Availability of speakers may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Media statewide is encouraged to attend. Emergency Managers, Community Leaders, Public Health Officials, Responders, Volunteer Organizations, Private Industry, Local-State-Tribal and Federal Agencies, and partners across the nation will be in attendance.

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Summit Information and Agenda: http://dma.mt.gov/des/library/summit.asp

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